

To: Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Board  
From: Nancy Selman  
Date: March 6, 2004  
Re: Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2004

Next meeting dates: Second Tuesday of every month. For 2004: 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14

In attendance: See attached Attendance List.

- 1) February Update and January Minutes
  - a) Verify the design life of the Energetech wave energy project – Vin Rose of URI stated that it is only 3 years – want to make sure the project will stay in place longer and is built to withstand wave action for the long term. (Note: I checked with the developer who told me the design life can be whatever makes sense and the cost of the project does not vary greatly with increased design life.)
  - b) Non-disclosure agreement – please sign one if you have not already.
  - c) Budget – a budget was prepared for Janice to present to the legislature – now need to forecast out approximately 6 years – past the longest commitment, which is Berkshire Wind/PP&L RECs purchase. It seemed evident to Janice from the meeting that the legislature is planning to raid the Fund again this year.
- 2) Save the Bay – A conceptual proposal for display and data monitoring for the new Fields Point facility was presented. Advisory Board approved in concept – Save the Bay will be instructed to provide a firm proposal.
- 3) Roger Williams University – students are working on learning the photosimulation software, but it is more difficult than expected. A request for \$500 to hire a consultant to teach the software was approved by the Advisory Board.
- 4) Newport Wind – A request for funding (both to cover project development costs up front and a production incentive) under the Supply RFP was presented. A discussion of the project included topics such as the ability to site a project in Newport and the willingness of the host, the Navy, to do the project. It was decided to ask the developer to have further discussions with the Navy, the town, and a few key constituents relative to siting before the Fund would commit any development capital to the project.
- 5) Town of Bristol – Town of Bristol sent the Fund a letter signed by the Town Administrator seeking Fund support to install a wind turbine. Chris Warfel will contact the Town Administrator to do a site visit.
- 6) CESA Public Education Campaign – Two Powerpoint presentations were made which explained the research that the ad agency, Gardner Nelson, performed and additional research conducted in RI, which was contracted for by Smartpower. Comments and feedback regarding the advertising materials, which were also presented in draft form were:
  - a) Don't use the word clean to describe this category, use renewables
  - b) Don't use pictures of refineries in the print ad, and use a factory with a renewable generator
  - c) Use the sun in logo like the one used in the 4-box logo
  - d) Why is "Lets make more" the optimal phrase for this branding campaign?Note: a followup phone call was scheduled with the consultants assigned by CESA to the project; there were two attendees on that call: D. Jacobson and C. Warfel.
- 7) New member to replace RI Builders – Some suggestions were made for finding a replacement for this Advisory Board member, it was felt that AIA might be a good

replacement, especially a representative of the green building community. A request was made for the group to provide other suggestions by email.

- 8) RECA Large Customer Proposal – Discussion delayed until March meeting because some Board members had to leave and there was not a quorum for a vote.
- 9) State RECs Purchase – Bob Grace presented a proposal for the State to purchase RECs for its buildings. The Advisory Board voted for a purchase of RECs to “green” 100% of usage of the State House for 5 years, at an estimated cost of approximately \$240,000 over the 5 years. In addition, the State will apply for EPA green power partnership for the State House as a result of the purchase.

#### Decisions:

- 1) Up to \$500 may be provided to Roger Williams University for a consultant to teach students how to use the photosimulation software.
- 2) A decision was made not to commit any funding to the Newport wind project at this time or until the developer was farther along in determining the commitment of the host to the project and the level of concern over siting by constituents such as the Town.
- 3) The Board approved a proposal to purchase RECs to green 100% of the State House usage for 5 years, at an estimated cost of approximately \$110,000.

#### Actions:

- 1) Verify design life of the Energetech wave demonstration project.
- 2) Instruct Save the Bay to provide a formal proposal along the lines of the conceptual proposal for a data monitoring and display system.
- 3) Inform Professor Pavlides that the Fund can pay for \$500 of consulting time to teach students how to use the photosimulation software.
- 4) Chris Warfel will do a site visit for the Town of Bristol to review wind project proposal and provide TA.
- 5) Provide feedback from the Advisory Board to the team working on the CESA Public Education project.
- 6) Research members of the green building community, green architects, and others to replace the RI Builders on the Advisory Board.
- 7) Draft RFP for RECs purchase for State House.
- 8) Followup with John Moskal for State House EPA Green Power Partnership.

#### Attendance

Capobianco, Julie  
Farley, John  
Grace, Bob  
Hill, Michael  
Jacobson, David  
Lueker, William  
McClanaghan, Janice  
Moskal, John  
Rose, Vincent  
Selman, Nancy  
Teichert, Kurt  
Vild, Bruce

Warfel, Christopher